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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YOSHINORI OKUMURA, ET AL. :  
SERIAL NO: NEW CONT APPLICATION :  
  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
  
FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND :  
MANUFACTURING METHOD :  
THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.